

St. James Episcopal Church
West Church Street
Greenville
Greene County
Tennessee

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ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Street Address or Location: West Church Street, Greeneville, Greene County, Tennessee

Present Owner: St. James Episcopal Church

Present Use: Church

Brief Statement of Significance: Built in 1850, this church in Gothic Revival style retains much of its original woodwork and was used as a hospital during the Civil War.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original owner: Episcopal Church
2. Date of erection: 1849
3. Architect: George Spencer
4. Original plans, construction: Original woodwork, slave gallery and the first pipe organ in East Tennessee are still in place.

- B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Land deeded by Alexander and Catherine D. Williams to the Rector and Church Wardens of the P.E. Church on September 8, 1849. Completed Church dedicated in 1850. Church was used as a hospital during the Civil War. Confederate General John Hunt Morgan took refuge under the Church on September 4, 1864. Later in the day he was shot by Union troops.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This church is in excellent condition and preserves most of the original design and woodwork.
2. Condition of fabric: Church is maintained in excellent condition, both the exterior and interior.

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Foundations: Brick

2. Wall construction: Frame
3. Chimneys: Brick
4. Roof: Gable, tin

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: One story with slave gallery.
2. Stairways: Straight stair to slave gallery is original.
3. Flooring: Original wide yellow pine
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster, original
5. Doorways and doors: Paneled, original
6. Lighting: Modern, electric
7. Heating: Modern, furnace

- D. Site: Church faces north-northeast and is located within a business zone and sets on land barely large enough to hold the building.

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